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Atty. Dkt. No. 040425/0147

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Jun-ichi MATSUDA  
Title: DEVICE INFORMATION  
ACQUISITION METHOD,  
DEVICE CONTROLLER, AND  
BRIDGE  
Appl. No.: Unassigned  
Filing Date: September 27, 2000  
Examiner: Unassigned  
Art Unit: Unassigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered into the application:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 15, line 5, delete "any one of claims 1 to 14" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 16, line 7, delete "any one of claims 1 to 14" and insert --claim 1--.

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